

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) A measurement apparatus comprising:

a measurement scale;

a readhead relatively movable along the scale for reading the scale; and

a scale track, ~~the scale being held magnetically to the track, a magnetic holding~~
the scale, the track having magnetisable material for causing magnetic attraction force
between the scale and the track, the scale being spaced from the magnetisable material, the
magnetic attraction force between the scale and the track magnetisable material allowing
relative movement between the scale and the track.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Previously Presented) The measurement apparatus as claimed in claim 31,
wherein the track is formed from extruded aluminium.

34. (Previously Presented) The measurement apparatus as claimed in claim 31,
wherein the track is formed from magnetic ferrite rubber.

35. (Previously Presented) The measurement apparatus as claimed in claim 31,
wherein the scale is magnetic or magnetisable.

36. (Previously Presented) The measurement apparatus as claimed in claim 31,
wherein the track is formed from extruded aluminium.

37. (Previously Presented) The measurement apparatus as claimed in claim 31,
wherein the track has a face for abutting a mounting surface and wherein the face is concave.

38. (Previously Presented) The measurement apparatus as claimed in claim 31,
wherein the scale track comprises a channel.

39. (Previously Presented) The measurement apparatus as claimed in claim 38, wherein the scale track is adapted to hold the scale within the channel at edge portions only.

40. (Currently Amended) The measurement apparatus as claimed in claim ~~32~~31, wherein the scale track comprises a channel and wherein the ~~magnetic~~magnetisable material is disposed within the channel.

41. (Currently Amended) The measurement apparatus as claimed in claim ~~32~~31, wherein the ~~magnetic~~magnetisable material is a length of ferrite rubber.

42. (Cancelled)

43. (Currently Amended) A measurement apparatus, comprising:
a measurement scale;
a readhead relatively movable along the scale for reading the scale; and
a scale track having a channel; and magnetisable material, the scale being held magnetically to the channel, the scale being spaced from the magnetisable material, a magnetic attraction force between the channel and the track allowing relative movement between the scale held in the channel and the track.

44. (Cancelled)

45. (Previously Presented) The measurement apparatus as claimed in claim 43, wherein the channel is adapted to hold the scale at edge portions only.

46. (Previously Presented) The measurement apparatus as claimed in claim 43, wherein the track is formed from magnetic ferrite rubber.

47. (Previously Presented) The measurement apparatus as claimed in claim 43, wherein the scale is magnetic or magnetisable.

48. (Cancelled)

49. (Currently Amended) The measurement apparatus as claimed in claim ~~44~~43, wherein the ~~magnetic~~magnetisable material is disposed within the channel.

50. (Currently Amended) The measurement apparatus as claimed in claim 4443, wherein the ~~magnetic~~magnetisable material is a length of ferrite rubber.

51. (Currently Amended) A measurement apparatus, comprising:
a measurement scale;
a readhead relatively movable along the scale for reading the scale;
~~a scale track, the scale being held magnetically to the track, a magnetic holding~~
the scale, the track having magnetisable material for causing magnetic attraction force
between the scale and the track, the scale being spaced from the magnetisable material, the
magnetic attraction force between the scale and the ~~track~~magnetisable material allowing
relative movement between the scale and the track; and
a scale tensioner for tensioning the scale on the track.

52. (Previously Presented) The measurement apparatus as claimed in claim 51, wherein the scale tensioner includes a preloadable member operable to urge the scale into tension and the tensioner includes scale end securements for securing the ends of the scale while the scale is in tension.